

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL DAVID G.
MCLEOD

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 15, 2021

Mr. DUNN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and work of Colonel (Doctor) (Retired) David G. McLeod, who passed away on December 18, 2020. I know the thoughts of many thousands of military medical officers, protégées, surgical colleagues, and patients are with the McLeod family, especially his wife of 55 years, Claudia, their children, David Jr. and Ayvette Sailer, and treasured grandchildren.

After serving in the U.S. Marine Corps, Doctor McLeod joined the U.S. Army, completed medical school and began what would become a five-decade storied career in Army Medicine. Drawn to service in direct support of troops in combat, Doctor McLeod delayed his surgical training to serve a distinguished combat tour in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Division. Following his urology residency, he went on to serve as Program Director, Chief of Urologic Oncology, and Chief of Urology at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC.

In 1992, Colonel McLeod established the Center for Prostate Disease Research (CPDR) at the Uniformed Services University in Bethesda, MD. At its helm until his retirement from the Army in 2016, Dr. McLeod led CPDR's growth to ultimately become one of the world's finest, most influential prostate patient care and research centers, home to one of the largest and most comprehensive prostate cancer databases and tissue repositories in the country. For his part, Dr. McLeod would become internationally renowned for CPDR's groundbreaking and pioneering work that combined molecular biology and clinical research.

He rose in academia to serve concurrently as a Professor of Surgery at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences and a Clinical Professor in the Department of Surgery (Urology) at Georgetown University Medical Center. He also earned his Juris Doctor from Northern Virginia Law School. His published work appeared in major medical journals, including *Urology*, the *Journal of Urology*, the *Journal of Urologic Oncology*, and the *Journal of Cancer*. His contributions included co-authoring multiple chapters and publications on urologic oncology, educating his students and advancing the field of research simultaneously. He was a member of numerous professional societies and served as President of the American Foundation of Urologic Disease (now known as the American Urological Association Foundation) and past President of the Mid-Atlantic Section of the American Urologic Association. He was also a member of The Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Virginia and the D.C. Bar.

After more than 50 years in uniformed service to our Nation, having personally cared for

senior leaders within the highest branches of government with the same commitment and dedication as that given to active duty service members, foreign heads of state, veterans and their family members, Dr. McLeod was revered as an exceptional surgeon, urologic oncologist and patient advocate. To the thousands of physicians, surgeons, scientists and other healthcare providers who passed through the halls of Walter Reed during his tenure (myself included), and for civilian surgeons, urologists and oncologists throughout the nation and around the globe, David McLeod was revered as an extraordinary mentor and clinical pioneer. He was tough and had zero tolerance for nonsense; after all, you can take a man out of the Marines, but you can't take the Marine out of the man. However, despite the rough exterior, Dr. McLeod was adored and respected by everyone. Indeed, the trajectory of current prostate cancer detection, prevention, treatment and care rest on the shoulders of this giant in the field.

Madam Speaker, Colonel (Doctor) (Retired) David G. McLeod is very clearly one of the giants of Army Medicine, one whose contributions to both military medicine and global health will be felt for years to come, and whose legacy will stand the test of time. To say it was a privilege working beside this man would be an understatement. I am honored to recognize his service, and on behalf of the 2nd District of Florida and all those who have known this phenomenal American, I wish to express my deepest thanks to David McLeod for his commendable years of service and dedication.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE
ADRIAN DOMINICAN SISTERS

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 15, 2021

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today on my own behalf and on behalf of Representative TIM WALBERG to honor the nine retired Adrian Dominican Sisters who lived together at the Motherhouse in Adrian, Michigan, and lost their lives to the COVID-19 pandemic in January 2021.

Those who dedicated their lives to serving others were Sister Dorothea Gamlich, O.P.; Sister Helen Laier, O.P.; Sister Jeannine Therese McGorray, O.P.; Sister Esther Ortega, O.P.; Sister Mary Lisa Rieman, O.P.; Sister Ann Rena Shinkey, O.P.; Sister Margaret Ann Swallow, O.P.; and Sister Mary Irene Wischmeyer, O.P. They strongly adhered to masking and social distancing, yet the devastating disease found them at their serene compound 75 miles from Detroit.

Three Adrian Dominicans work at Dominican Hospital in Santa Cruz, California, which provides vital health services to many residents of my Congressional District. They are Sister Rita Eileen Dean, O.P.; Sister Adrienne

Piennette, O.P.; and Sister Judy Silva, O.P., all extraordinary contributors to the hospital and considered great blessings by hospital administrators.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to honor the memory of these holy women, Dominican Sisters, who lost their lives to the pandemic, and honor and thank those who continue to serve at Dominican Hospital. These good and great women of faith make our country stronger and better.

COMMENDING THE WESTSIDE GAZETTE ON CELEBRATING THEIR
50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a staple of journalistic integrity in my Congressional district. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the oldest African-American newspaper in the heart of southern Florida, the *Westside Gazette*. For fifty years, they produced as their motto reminds us: "A Positive Paper For Positive People."

The *Westside Gazette* was founded by Levi Henry Jr. in 1971, in an era not unlike the politically charged environment we have today. While it is now run by his son and my good friend, Bobby Henry, this weekly paper continues to be known for its crusade against racism and injustice. These are the very virtues embodied by the elder Henry, for example, when he demonstrated in support of the integration of Florida beaches with "wade-ins" not so long ago.

Bobby Henry Sr. continues the activist tradition of his father, going beyond his role as publisher. In 2017, he was the recipient of the Angelo B. Henderson Community Service Award by the National Association of Black Journalists for making a positive impact on HIV/AIDS and poverty-stricken communities.

Their fifty years of professionalism stand out even more so today as too many regions have suffered misfortune, having succumbed to modern economic pressures that deprive communities of competent, local news outlets. This misfortune leads to communities of all colors dwelling in an excess of news deserts, making it increasingly difficult to hold local politicians to account. The *Westside Gazette's* pursuit of truth and dedication to journalistic integrity is of continued benefit to not only its readers, but the larger community and the functioning of our democratic form of government.

Madam Speaker, I am so privileged to commemorate and honor the *Westside Gazette's* longlasting achievement in journalism. Please join me in praising their success, fifty years informing not just the African-American community, but the broader public of southern Florida.

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